

GAS TEST PERMITS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DO I DO IF I THINK I HAVE A GAS LEAK?

Get out of the building. Call 911. Then call Atmos at 1-866-322-8667.

HOW DO I GET IT FIXED?

You must hire a licensed plumber to make the repair (exception: a homesteaded homeowner may do their own work if they have the expertise, tools, and gage to do so). The plumber obtains a gas test permit from the City through the City's online permitting system. Once the repair is complete, a city inspector will perform a visual inspection of the repair and verify that the plumber's gage is holding pressure, indicating that leaks have been resolved. When the inspection passes, the City sends a release to Atmos telling them that they can turn the gas back on.

DOES THE CITY DO EMERGENCY INSPECTIONS OUTSIDE OF NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS?

Yes, for the following: OCCUPIED RESIDENCES

24-hour residential care or health care facilities

Businesses for which continuance of critical services necessitates gas service before 8 am the following business day (as determined by the Building Official)

Call 972-304-3551 for emergency after-hours inspections

PERMITS & FEES

A Plumbing permit is required for a gas repair and gas test. The Permit Type is PLUMBING (RESIDENTIAL) or PLUMBING (COMMERCIAL), and the Work Class is REPAIR.

The fee for Residential is \$80. The Commercial fee is based on the value of work. There is an additional fee for inspections outside of normal business hours.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

All permit applications and inspection requests are done online through the City's CSS portal:

https://energovcss.coppelltx.gov/EnerGovProd/SelfService#/home

The application should include a description of the repair, including the general location in the building.



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TYPICAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

Typical inspections for gas repair permits include, but are not limited to, the following. Required inspections may vary, depending on the scope of work. Inspections that are requested before 4 pm will be conducted the next business day.

- Gas
- Final Plumbing

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- The test gage must be labeled with an unexpired calibration date. If the label is missing or the calibration has expired, the inspection will be denied and a reinspection fee will be assessed.
- The test pressure to be used shall be no less than 3 psig (20 kPa gauge), or at the discretion of the Code Official, the piping and valves may be tested at a pressure of at least six (6) inches (152 mm) of mercury, measured with a manometer or slope gauge. For tests requiring a pressure of 3 psig, diaphragm gauges shall utilize a dial with a minimum diameter of three and one half inches (3 ½"), a set hand, 1/10 pound incrementation and pressure range not to exceed 6 psi for tests requiring a pressure of 3 psig.
- For tests requiring a pressure of 10 psig, diaphragm gauges shall utilize a dial with a minimum diameter of three and one-half inches (3 ½"), a set hand, a minimum of 2/10 pound incrementation and a pressure range not to exceed 20 psi.
- For welded piping, and for piping carrying gas at pressures in excess of fourteen (14) inches water column pressure (3.48 kPa) (1/2 psi) and less than 200 inches of water column pressure (52.2 kPa) (7.5 psi), the test pressure shall not be less than ten (10) pounds per square inch (69.6 kPa).
- For piping carrying gas at a pressure that exceeds 200 inches of water column (52.2 kPa) (7.5 psi), the test pressure shall be not less than one and one-half times the proposed maximum working pressure.
- Test duration shall be held for a length of time satisfactory to the Code Official, but in no case for not less than fifteen (15) minutes. For welded piping, and for piping carrying gas at pressures in excess of fourteen (14) inches water column pressure (3.48 kPa), the test duration shall be held for a length of time satisfactory to the Code Official, but in no case for less than thirty (30) minutes.



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CODES AND ORDINANCES

The City of Coppell has adopted the 2015 Editions of the International Building, Residential, Energy, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire, Property Maintenance, and Existing Building Codes. The City has also adopted the 2014 National Electric Code and the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Engineers involved in the design or construction must be licensed in the State of Texas. The Code adoptions and local amendments can be found in Chapter 15 of Coppell's Code of Ordinances. Zoning regulations are in Chapter 12, and fence regulations are in Chapter 9. All contractors must be registered with the City of Coppell and licensed as required by the State.

https://library.municode.com/tx/coppell/codes/code_of_ordinances